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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KATO, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/796,195  
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For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING  
METHOD THEREFOR  
Group: 3749  
Examiner: K. O'Malley

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 28, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed October 26, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.30414C56).

Respectfully submitted,

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